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SUBJECT: SUDOMO ON KOMANDO JIHAD, THE ACEH INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENT AND PELITA

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1. SUMMARY. CHIEF OF THE COMMAND FOR THE RESTORATION OF
SECURITY AND ORDER (KOPKAMTIB) ADMIRAL SUDOMO, IN A WIDE
RANGING PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, UP-DATED SEVERAL
PENDING "INTERNAL SECURITY" CASES, INCLUDING THE KOMANDO
JIHAD, ACEH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT AND PELITA NEWSPAPER
CASES. END SUMMARY.

2. KOMANDO JIHAD. SUDOMO REVEALED THAT, OF THE APPROXIMATELY
700 PEOPLE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KOMANDO JIHAD
CASE, THOSE SUFFICIENTLY IMPLICATED TO WARRANT TRIAL WOULD
BE BROUGHT TO COURT IN THE NEXT 2-3 MONTHS. CLAIMING THAT MOST OF THE
KOMANDO JIHAD WERE FORMERLY INVOLVED IN THE OUTLAWED RADICAL MOSLEM
DARUL ISLAM MOVEMENT, SUDOMO SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE
"SO FAR" OF ANY CONNECTION WITH ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
OR INDONESIAN POLITICAL PARTY.

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3. ACEH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. SUDOMO SAID THAT "SOME"
PEOPLE HAD ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED IN ACEH PROVINCE IN
CONNECTION WITH AN "ACEH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT," ALTHOUGH
"THE REAL GOALS AND DESIRES OF THE MOVEMENT ARE STILL NOT
CLEAR." SECURITY FORCES IN ACEH HAVE ALSO SEIZED SEVERAL

DOCUMENTS WRITTEN IN ACEHNESE, INDONESIAN AND ENGLISH, INCLUDING A "DECLARATION OF A FREE ACEH," AND "FREE ACEH" FLAG. WHILE ADMITTING THAT ELEMENTS OF THE MOVEMENT MIGHT STILL BE AT LARGE, SUDOMO SAID IT NO LONGER REPRESENTED A THREAT TO INDONESIAN SECURITY.

4. SUDOMO SAID IT WAS "PREMATURE" TO SAY IF ANY FOREIGN STATES OR OTHER INDONESIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAD AIDED THE MOVEMENT, BUT DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE "DECLARATION" HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED OVERSEAS AS WELL AS IN INDONESIA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION, HASAN DITIRO, RESIDES IN THE UNITED STATES. KOPKAMTIB, ACCORDING TO SUDOMO, "HAS A FILE" ON HASAN, WHO HAS TRAVELLED FROM AMERICA TO INDONESIA SEVERAL TIMES. (THE DAILY MERDEKA YESTERDAY QUOTED A "RELIABLE SOURCE" AS SAYING THAT HASAN'S TRAVEL TO INDONESIA WAS MADE "WITH THE PERMISSION OF AN INDONESIAN OFFICIAL IN THE UNITED STATES" - PRESUMABLY FROM THE EMBASSY - WHO WAS NOT, HOWEVER, IMPLICATED IN THE ACEHNESE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.)

5. PELITA. SUDOMO, WHILE STATING THAT "IT IS CLEAR" THAT PELITA WILL NOT BE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF THE CHARGES BEING BROUGHT AGAINST IT BY THE GOVERNMENT (REFTEL), AT THE SAME TIME WARNED THAT ITS OFFICIALS COULD BE LIABLE FOR PRISON TERMS UP TO 10 YEARS IF CONVICTED OF PRINTING LIES. HE SAID THAT THE PELITA CASE HAD BEEN SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WOULD BE BROUGHT TO COURT "SOON." SUDOMO ALSO REVEALED THAT, LEST PELITA MISS THE MESSAGE, HE HAD SENT A FORMAL "STERN WARNING" TO THE NEWSPAPER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON JUNE 4, EXPLAINING THE IMPENDING GOVERNMENT LEGAL ACTION.
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